# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

## **FISCAL NOTE**



SB 405 - HB 1280

February 21, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes persons with prior class B and C misdemeanor convictions to have their records expunged.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

## Assumptions:

- Since the expunction law was amended by Public Acts 2012, Public Chapter 1103, the number of expunctions filed each year has been drastically less than anticipated. Approximately one percent of original projections have been realized.
- Further, data from the Department of Revenue shows that approximately 906 petitions have consistently been filed each year over the last three fiscal years even though nine public chapters have amended Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-32-101 since Public Chapter 1103 making expunction more readily available to individuals with criminal records.
- For these reasons, it is assumed that the proposed legislation will not significantly increase expunction petitions being filed by qualified individuals; therefore, the proposed legislation will not significantly increase state or local expunction fee revenue.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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